IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Tanzi and Kim

Appl. No. 09/065,902

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For: Purified 20 kDa Presenilin 2

C-Terminal Fragment and Methods of Screening for Compounds That Inhibit Proteolysis of Presentlin 2 Art Unit: 1644

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Declaration of Co-Inventors Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

We, Rudolph E. Tanzi and Tae-Wan Kim, do declare and state that:

- 1. We are the co-inventors of the claimed invention in the captioned application.
- 2. In a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the Fxaminer cited Tonzi et al., a publication entitled "The Gene Defects Responsible for Familial Alzheimer's Disease," published 1996 in Neurobiology of Disease 3:159-168. Tanzi et al., at page 164, left column, discusses work described in Kim et al., an abstract entitled "Proteolytic Processing of Wildtype and Mutant Forms of Presentlin 2," which published July 1996 in Neurobiology of Aging 17:S155, for the Fifty International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders held July 24-29, 1996 in Osaka, Japan. A copy of Kim et al. is attached.
- 3. We, together with other workers (Olivia G. Hallmark, Warren H. Pettingell, and Wilma Wasco). co-authored Kim et al. The other persons listed on Kim et al. are co authors, but are not co-inventors of the subject matter of the captioned application. Olivia

Hallmark was a research assistant who provided technical assistance for the cell culture experiments. Warren Pettingell was a research technologist who provided technical assistance for the recombinant DNA experiments. Wilma Wasco was an assistant professor who provided the cDNA for presentin 2, a reagent used for experiments as indicated in the captioned application. Therefore, these three co-authors of Kim et al. were merely working under our direction, providing technical assistance, or providing a reagent used in the experiments. These three co-authors did not make any inventive contribution to the claimed invention of the captioned application.

4. We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further. that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Attachment: Kim et al., Neurobiology of Aging 17:S155 (July 1996)